

RAG Email Pipeline Prototype

This repository contains a modular Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline designed to extract and process email data, generate vector embeddings, and provide Al-assisted answers using the OpenAl API. Currently email data from local outlook client is the only input, the input options should be extended soon.

Project Overview

This project demonstrates a complete RAG workflow using email content as input:

- 1. Email Extraction Fetch emails from Outlook folders
- 2. **Text Cleaning** Normalize content, remove signatures and guoted replies
- 3. Chunking Split emails into semantically coherent text chunks
- 4. Embedding Convert chunks into vectors using local or API models
- 5. **Retrieval** Match gueries against embedded chunks
- 6. **Answer Generation** Construct prompts and query OpenAI to synthesize answers

Project Structure

```
# YAML configuration files (general + task-specific)
configs/
data/
                    # Cleaned emails, chunks, logs, embeddings
                    # Query debug output
debug/
outputs/
                    # Final generated answers
scripts/
                   # Modular pipeline components
tests/
                    # Test cases and sample inputs
                    # Notes, planning, and requirements
docs/
```

Configuration

Main settings live in YAML files under configs/. Task configs include:

- config.yaml Core settings
- test_full_api.yaml, test_full_local.yaml API and local embedding runs

Use RAGPipeline.configure_task() to create a new config dynamically.



Requirements

Install dependencies with:

```
pip install -r docs/requirements.txt
```

Recommended:

- Python 3.10+
- Windows with Outlook installed (for email extraction)

Running the Pipeline

Example full pipeline run:

```
from scripts.pipeline.rag_pipeline import RAGPipeline

pipeline = RAGPipeline(config_path="configs/tasks/test_full_api.yaml")
pipeline.run_full_pipeline(query="How can I find deleted POLs in Alma?")
```

Or build it step by step using add_step() and run_steps().

API Keys

Set your OpenAI key in an environment variable:

```
export OPEN_AI=your-api-key
```

Or supply it directly when creating the APIClient.



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